respect of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) only. The State wise information in respect of CPSEs, as per their registered and corporate office is given at Appendix-III of volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey, 2006-07, which was laid in the Parliament on 28.2.2008 and is a public document. However, a list of CPSEs including, joint venture subsidiaries of CPSEs located in the States of the North-East Region is given in the Statement (*See* below). Five of these companies namely (i) Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Ltd.; (ii) Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.; (iii) Brahamputra Crakers & Polymer Ltd.; (iv) Numaligarh Refinary Ltd.; and (v) Nagaland Pulp.& Paper Company Ltd. are the joint sector companies where Central Government / CPSEs are having substantial share *i.e.* 51% or more and the State Governments / State Level Public Enterprises are having minority shares *i.e.* 49% or less in equity. In addition, there are number of CPSEs which are having their presence in the North Eastern States in terms of Gross Block (Rs.47998.29 crore) and Employment (62102 employees). The details are given in Statement 13 of volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 2006-07.

***Statement***

*The Details of Company Name with their State of Registered Office & Corporate Office*

| S.No. | Company Name | State Name | Corporate Office |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Ltd. | Arunachal Pradesh | Itanagar |
| 2 | Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 3 | Bongaigaon Refinary & Petrochemicals Ltd. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 4 | Brahamputra Crakers & Polymer Ltd. (Under Construction) | Assam | Guwahati |
| 5 | Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 6 | North Eastern Regional Agri. Marketing Corp. Ltd. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 7 | Numaligarh Refinary Ltd. | Assam | Guwahati |
| 8 | Oil India Ltd. | Assam | Noida |
| 9 | North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev.Corpn. Ltd. | Meghalaya | Shillong |
| 10 | North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. | Meghalaya | Shillong |
| 11 | Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Ltd. | Nagaland | Tuli, Mokokchung |

**Works for HCL**

1643.SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to persuade the Ministry of Communications to release some orders for cable manufacturing to Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL), to release funds towards payment of salaries, statutory dues etc. to employees of HCL, and to expedite implementation of new project proposed for HCL under

diversification plans prepared with the help of I.I.T., Kharagpur;

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) Yes Sir, such a request has been received from the Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh in March, 2004.

(b) (i) As regards placing orders on HCL is concerned, Department of Telecommunication (DoT) had indicated that the availability of cost effective wireless technology has caused a steep reduction in the requirement of PIJF Cables. DoT had also expressed their inability to place further orders for PIJF cables on HCL without competitive bidding.

(ii) Government has been releasing funds for payment of salary and statutory dues.

(iii) Government of India have got conducted several feasibility studies to consider revival of the Hindustan Cables Ltd. The latest study was conducted by IIT, Kharagpur in March, 2007. This Report was placed before the BRPSE for its consideration. The BRPSE in its meeting held on 09.01.2008 has recommended revival of HCL through Joint Venture with Public or Private Sector, failing which, complete disinvestment after clearing the Balance Sheet of the Company, Accordingly, DHI has approached some PSEs, such as MTNL, IRCON, RAILTEL and POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA which have potential synergies with the HCL for forging an alliance with HCL. No positive response was received. Subsequently, an advertisement was published in the leading news papers on 22.08.2008 seeking Expression of Interest for JV with HCL. No comprehensive proposal for Joint Venture has been received.

(c) Not applicable.

**Hike in salaries of employees of PSEs**

†1644. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total number of 244 Public Sector Enterprises are operational in the current year;

(b) if not, the actual number thereof and the total number of employees working therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has recently hiked the salaries of 3.78 lakh employees working in these Public Sector Enterprises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not hiking the salaries of the remaining employees and the future plan for these employees?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi